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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, Aug. 25.

The members of the Liberty Baptist Association convened.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Walters, from Matthew xxv: 25, "And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine."

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Benjamin Lanier, who also acted Moderator pro tem., and brother J. H. Owen Clerk pro tem. Elder J. B. Jackson and J. D. Huf ham assisted.

Letters from the churches were then handed in and read, and statistics noted. A majority of the delegates appointed being present, were enrolled as follows:

Lick Creek—Jacob Redwine, James Daniel, Wm. Carrick.
Jersey—Isaac Kenney, Ebenezer Merrill, James Smith.
Abbott's Creek—William Clenard, P. W. Raper, N. W. Beeson.
Tom's Creek—Simeon Sheets, Sampson Newsom, S. W. Lanier.
High Point Jonathah Welch, A. C. Jones.
Liberty—W. Parish, W. Miller, Henry Copple.
Holloway's—Charles Smith, W. F. Stoner, A. J. Feezer.
New Friendship—Alex. Delap, A. R. Spurgin, N. B. Orrell.
Big Creek—Not represented. Total taken from last minutes.
Pine Meeting House—John Barnes, Wm. H. Simeson, Moses Lamb.
Reed's X Roads—Alfred Wood, Isaac A. Park, J. H. Owen.
Marion—Jacob Seachrist, Peter Lopp, R. S. Green.
Salisbury—Not represented.
Thomasville—J. B. Hudson, Aquilla Jones, W. E. Jones.
Muddy Creek—David Essick, S. J. Davis, Lewis Mullican.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder Benjamin Lanier, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen Clerk.

On motion, called for newly constituted churches, whereupon Elder J. A. Cornish, presented a petition for admission into this body, from a newly constituted church at Muddy Creek.

On motion, the articles of faith were read, after which,

On motion, it was received as a member of this body, and delegates received the hand of fellowship.

On motion, an invitation was given to Corresponding Messengers, upon which brethren J. J. Yarborough, Dr. S. A. Powell and Daniel H. LaPish, came forward from the Beulah; T. M. Hughes, Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Board; Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions; J. D. Huf ham, editor of the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder Enoch Crutchfield and brother David Teague, from the Sandy Creek; brethren Benj. Merrell and John Bank, from the Yadkin.

On motion, appointed Elders J. B. Jackson, William H. Hamner and Isaac Kenney, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements. Brethren J. B. Hudson, and Ebenezer Murrell, a Committee of Finance.

On State Missions—Elders Wm. N. Herriford, and brother Simeon Sheets.

On Church Letters—Elder J. A. Cornish and brother Sampson Newsom.

On Ministerial Support—Elder Wm. N. Herriford and brother Samuel W. Lanier.

On Education—Elders Wm. Turner, and J. D. Huf ham.

On Periodicals—Elder Wm. Turner, and brother N. B. Orrell.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools—Elders Wm. Turner and J. A. Cornish.

On Temperance—Elder Wm. H. Hamner and brother Charles Smith.

On motion, it was agreed that the above committees submit resolutions instead of making reports.

On motion, appointed the delegates from Abbott's Creek Church, a Committee to arrange preaching during the meeting.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. T. Walters.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock, Elder W. T. Walters met a large, attentive, and well behaved congregation, and preached from Exodus XIV: 15. At 11 o'clock, the people were addressed by Elder J. D. Hufham, from Prov. VI: 9—11.

After an intermission of an hour, the people re-assembled and were again addressed by Elder Enoch Crutchfield, from Romans I: 16.

Through all the services, the congregation was attentive, and seemed anxious to hear the word preached, which was edifying to the christian and convincing to the sinner.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 27th.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson. The delegates' names were then called by the Clerk. A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to business.

On motion, Elder W. T. Walters was given an opportunity to address the Association on State Missions, and brother T. M. Hughes on Sabbath Schools.

On motion, the Committee on Church Letters was given longer time to prepare their resolutions.

The Committee on Periodicals then submitted the following.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the re-appearance of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, for more than thirty years the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina.

Resolved, That we, the members of this body, do all in our power to extend its circulation.

After which, the Association was very pleasantly entertained by addresses from Elders Wm. Turner, J. B. Jackson, T. M. Hughes, J. A. Cornish, J. D. Huf ham and others on the merits of the *Biblical Recorder*, after which the above resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Committee of Finance, reported that they had received from the churches $29,35. It was then moved and carried, that the clerk expend $20,00 of the Association fund for printing minutes, to be governed in regard to the number by the cost of printing, and that he receive the balance, $9,35 for his services.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates and messengers again assembled and were interestingly entertained by an address from Elder W. T. Walters on State Missions, after which a collection was taken up for said object.

Called on Corresponding Messengers to other Associations to report.

Brother J. H. Owen reported that he had attended the Yadkin and was cordially received and had an interesting meeting.

Brother J. B. Hudson reported that he attended Sandy Creek, was received and had a good meeting.

Elder J. B. Jackson attended the Beulah.

On motion, the Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools, to be successful, must be composed of adults and children, and that it is the duty of every professing christian to teach or be taught in the Sabbath School.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to organize churches and congregations into Sabbath Schools.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed an Executive Board on Missionary operations, to wit: William Clinard, of Abbott's Creek, James Smith, of Jersey, and Charles Smith, of Holloway's.

On motion, appointed the following Corresponding Messengers:

To the Yadkin Association—Elders J. A. Cornish and Aaron Yarborough.

To the Pee Dee Association.—Elders J. B. Jackson, J. A. Cornish and brother Jacob Redwine.

To the Sandy Creek Association—Elder Wm. H. Hamner and brethren J. B. Hudson and Jonathan Welch.

To the Beulah Association—Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner and brother J. H. Owen.

On motion, agreed that the next sesion of this Association be held with the church at Jersey, seven miles southwest of Lexington, N. C., to commence Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1867.

Appointed Elder Benjamin Lanier to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Aaron Yarborough his alternate.

Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the brethren, friends and community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained it during its session.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson.

BENJAMIN LANIER, *Moderator*.

J. H. Owen, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch. Meetings.
Lick Creek.	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	J. A. Cornish.	27			1	3	6	73	10	83	$ 2 60	4
Jersey,	"	Cotton Grove,	Wm. Turner.	6	1		2	7	18	111	212	323	3 05	1
Abbott's Creek,	"	Abbott's Creek,	J. B. Jackson.					2	2	55	2	57	2 00	3
Tom's Creek,	"	Healing Springs,		1		1			1	19	2	21	1 50	1
High Point,	Guilford,	High Point,	No pastor.				1	1		21		21	2 15	
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	Benj. Lanier.					2	1	70	1	71	1 25	2
Holloway's,	"	Cotton Grove,	J. A. Cornish.	42	5	1	1			85	19	104	3 00	2
New Friendship,	Forsythe,	Salem,	W. Turner.	11				1	2	72	2	74	2 70	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,									40	3	43		
Pine Meeting House,	Davidson,	Lexington.	C. W. Bessent.							16		16	1 65	4
Reed's X Roads,	"	"	A. Yarborough.	11	1		9	1	3	50	2	52	3 00	2
Marion,	"	"	J. A. Cornish.	11	2				2	19	3	22	1 40	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,												
Thomasville,	Davidson,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson.	1	1		2					25	2 00	1
Muddy Creek,	"	Clemmonsville,	J. A. Cornish.	26									3 05	1
				136	9	2	16	17	35	653	256	912	$29 35	

List of Ordained Preachers.—Wm. N. Herriford, of Lick Creek; Benj. Lanier and Jno. Snider, of Tom's Creek; Wm. H. Hamner, Aaron Yarborough and J. A. Cornish, of Reed's X Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury; J. B. Jackson, of Thomasville.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Jersey Settlement,

August 24th and 26th days, 1867.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Benjamin Lanier, from Matthew vi. 20.

After an intermission of an hour, the Association was called to order by Elder Benjamin Lanier, who also led in prayer; J. H. Owen, acting Clerk *pro tem.*

The letters were then handed in and the delegates enrolled as follows:—

Lick Creek,—Peter Cross, Joseph Bean and Wm. S. Adderton.

Jersey Settlement,—John Wilson and J. T. Yarbrough.

Abbott's Creek,—John Teague, E. E. Pitts and G. W. Charles.

Tom's Creek,—John Snider, Thomas Loflin and Sampson Newsom.

High Point,—A. C. Jones, Jonathan Welch and J. L. Pleasant.

Liberty,—No representative.

Holloway's,—Charles Smith, Wm. Gallimore and Samuel Becker.

New Friendship,—R. J. Charles, A. P. Snider and G. W. Harman.

Big Creek,—E. H. Davis.

Pine M. House.—Wm. Simeson and H. A. Clement.

Reed's X Roads,—Alfred Wood, J. N. Craver and J. N. Myers.

Marion,—R. S. Green and Peter Lopp.

Salisbury,—Not represented.

Thomasville,—Aquilla Jones, W. E. Jones and A. R. Wetherington.

Muddy Creek,—Jacob Cornish, Wm. Doty and Benjamin Doty.

After which an election for Moderator and Clerk, resulted in the choice of Elder Benjamin Lanier, Moderator, and J. H. Owen, Clerk.

On motion, the rules of Order, Constitution and Articles of Faith were read. Then proceeded to business, as follows:

An invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren was accepted by Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions, and Editor of the "Biblical Recorder."

Elder C. W. Bessent, visitor, and E. L. Parker and John Pack, correspondents from the Yadkin Association.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Arrangement.—Elders W. H. Hamner, J. A. Cornish, Br. Aquilla Jones, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance.—E. H. Davis and John Teague.

On State Missions.—Elder Wm. Lambeth and Chas. Smith.

On Church Letters and State of Religion.—J. L. Pleasant and John Wilson.

On Ministerial Support.—Jonathan Welch and Jackson Feezor.

On Education.—Elder J. A. Cornish and Alfred Wood.

On Periodicals.—Elder William Lambeth and E. H. Davis.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools.—A. C. Jones and R. J. Charles.

On Temperance.—E. E. Pitts and Wm. S. Adderton.

A motion to constitute the delegates and deacons of the Jersey Settlement Church, a committee to arrange preaching during the meeting, was carried.

A motion to reconsider the former motion, and to give the arrangement of preaching to the Association, was carried.

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On motion, proceeded to the election of ministers to fill the stand on to-morrow, which resulted in the choice of Elders W. T. Walters, C. W. Bessent and J. A. Cornish. After which the Committee on Arrangement reported, and was continued.

On motion, it was agreed that there be a collection taken up on to-morrow for the relief of the churches at High Point and Thomasville.

The Association then adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder Walters.

SABBATH, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Elder J. A. Cornish preached from Matthew v. chap., 13 v. After which a collection was taken up for the objects mentioned on yesterday in the Association, amounting to $28 35.

Owing to indisposition, Elder Walters could not occupy his hour, and an intermission of an hour was given.

At 2 o'clock, Elder C. W. Bessent preached from John iii. chap., 7th verse. Elder Jackson at night.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator; Elder Hamner leading in prayer. The names of delegates were then called by the Clerk;—a quorum being present, proceeded to business, as follows:

By invitation, Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions, addressed the Association on the subject of Missions, after which there was a collection taken up amounting to $26 60 cash, and $76 00 pledges.

A motion giving Elder J. A. Cornish an opportunity to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved 1*st.* That this Association appoint the following brethren, to wit: W. P. Redwine, of Lick Creek; J. L. Pleasant, of High Point; E. H. Davis, of Big Creek; Charles Smith, of Holloway's, and James Smith, of Jersey Settlement, an Executive Committee of this Association, whose duty it shall be to take in charge the missionary work of this Association, and to make a full report of the same at the annual meeting of this body.

Resolved 2*nd.* That this Association, in view of the great destitution in our midst, recommend our pastors to make suitable arrangements with said executive committee, to give such portion of their time, as they may be able, to the missionary work,

Resolved 3rd. That we act in harmony and co-operation with the Board of the Baptist State Convention in the great work of supplying the destitute of the State with the Gospel of Christ.

Resolved 4th. That the pastors of the churches of this Association be requested to take up quarterly collections for the support of missionary operations in this Association.

After the accompanying remarks of Elder Cornish, and the second reading of the Resolutions, they were adopted.

On motion, Elder Hamner went to the stand to preach.

A motion prevailed limiting speakers to ten minutes at a speech.

A motion calling on committees to report:

The committee on Finance then reported that they had received from the churches, as a Minute fund, $26 60. Report received and committee discharged. See statistical table.

On Ministerial Support, committee reported, and after the reception and adoption of the report, was discharged. See A.

On Education.—Report read, received and adopted, and committee discharged. See B.

On Periodicals.—Report read, received and adopted, and committee discharged. See C.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools.—Report read and received and committee discharged. See D.

On Temperance.—Report read, received and adopted, and committee discharged. See E.

On Church Letters and state of Religion.—Report read, received and adopted, and the committee discharged. See F.

Called on correspondents to sister Associations to report.—Elder J. A. Cornish attended the Yadkin, and was cordially received.

Elders Jackson, Cornish and Br. Jacob Redwine, did not attend the Pee Dee, and were excused.

Elder W. H. Hamner attended the Sandy Creek, and was cordially received. The other brethren that did not attend, were excused.

J. B. Hudson and G. W. Harman attended the Beulah, were very cordially received, and had an interesting meeting. The other brethren that did not attend were excused.

On motion, the following correspondents were appointed:

To the Yadkin.—John Teague and R. Q. Teague.

To the Pee Dee.—Elders J. B. Jackson, John Snider, Wm. S. Adderton and Wyatt Thayre.

To the Sandy Creek.—Jonathan Welch and J. L. Pleasant.

To the Beulah.—Elder J. B. Jackson, John Teague, G. W. Charles and E. E. Pitts.

To the Baptist State Convention.—Elder J. B. Jackson and J. L. Pleasant.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, 500 in number, and that he be allowed $6 45 for his service, as Clerk of this Association.

On motion, this Association agreed to meet in its next annual session, with the Church at Abbott's Creek, Davidson County, N C., on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1868.

Appointed Elder W. H. Hamner to preach the introductory sermon; and Elder Aaron Yarbrough his alternate.

Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the brethren and friends of this and surrounding neighborhood, for the very hospitable manner in which they have supported it during its session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Jackson.

BENJAMIN LANIER, *Moderator.*
J. H. OWEN, *Clerk.*

REPORTS.

A.

On Ministerial Support.

We are of the opinion, that the ministry is not supported as it should be. We all feel and know the present state and condition of the country is such, that the aid heretofore extended to the most prominent part of the Gospel is greatly retarded; but by renewed efforts and energy, impediments that seem almost insurmountable, can be overcome. For instance, luxuries can be curtailed, and the amount paid for such thrown into the Gospel treasury.

By being economical in using our means,—such as selling a few bushels of corn and wheat, a few pounds of bacon, in proportion to what we have, by each one, properly applied, would alleviate many of the wants of the preacher, which we hope will be attended to.

We would respectfully recommend to every member of the Association to pay a small portion of their earnings to the most neglected of all callings; for we know that all we have, whether it be much or little, belongs to God, and he that lendeth to the Lord will be blessed ten fold. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN WELCH, *Chm'n of Com.*

B.

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

We regard it a mattor of first importance, especially in the age in which we live, that we give special attention to the education of the rising generation. The great battle between truth and error must be waged, and we regard it as a necessity that we have cultivated intellects to discriminate between truth and error.

We are gratified to learn that our College at Wake Forest is in successful operation, and has a fine prospect of future success. We learn that a considerable portion of the endowment was saved, and that Rev. R. B. Jones, Agent for an increased endowment, is meeting with a success altogether beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

Let us rally to the support of our schools; and let us, by our contributions as well as our patronage, secure to the rising generations those advantages, the want of which has so crippled us in our effort for the dissemination of truth.

J. A. CORNISH, *Chm'n.*

C.

Report on Periodicals.

Your Committee believe that it is impossible for any christian to become acquainted with the religious condition of the world, unless he is a constant reader of religious literature.

Furthermore, we think that no Baptist can have a full knowledge of the progress of his own denomination, unless he read regularly the papers published by the denomination. Therefore, we would recommend to our brethren the *Biblical Recorder*, edited by W. T. Walters, and published at Raleigh, N. C., by Hughes & Co. Also we would recommend to our people *Kind Words*, published at Greenville, S. C.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM LAMBETH, *Chm'n.*

D.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools regard it as a subject of great importance, and one which every church should engage in, if possible. There are only two Schools in successful operation in the Liberty Association.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches to do all in their power to organize and carry on Sabbath Schools in all our Churches.

A. C. JONES, *Chm'n.*

E.

Report on Temperance.

We, the Committee on Temperance, would earnestly recommend that this Association recommend the several Churches comprising the same, to be more vigilant in the promotion of temperance within their limits.

We are much pained to say that we fear some of our members are in the habitual use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, to our view, a very dangerous course, and one well calculated to destroy such brother's usefulness in the Church, and well calculated to exert a bad influence in the community at large.

We are also very much pained that any brother feels at liberty to contribute to the stock of alcoholic liquors, and thereby promoting intemperance with its attendant evils, by furnishing grain or fruit for distillation.

We believe that a good man cannot engage in a bad business; and also that the manufacture, use, and traffic in distilled liquors are evil, and that continually.

We also fear that the usefulness of the church is in some instances greatly damaged by permitting her members to engage in a business so fraught with evil, and so detrimental to the spread of Christ's kingdom on earth. We would call the attention of our ministering brethren to the subject. Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. ADDERTON, E. E. PITTS.

F.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

On examination of the letters from the different churches, your committee learn with much pleasure, that with many of them, there have been precious revival seasons during the past associational year.

There have been, by baptism, the following additions, viz:

Tom's Creek, 1; High Point, 2; Jersey, 13; Holloway's, 16; Reed's X Roads, 17; Muddy Creek, 21; New Friendship, 22; Abbott's Creek, 28; Lick Creek, 41. Total, 161.

There are also two churches not reported in this body, either by letters or delegates, viz: Liberty and Salisbury. We are sorry that these flocks are without a regular shepherd. But we would especially urge the churches and brethren to bestow more attention to the cultivation of piety in the rising generation; for the hope of our country depends on the youths thereof. Let us train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Your committee is deeply sensible that a more thorough acquaintance with God's Word, a more faithful communion in prayer with Him, together with increased liberality for His cause, would very much enhance vital piety and promote the cause of our blessed Redeemer. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. PLEASANT.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Post Offices.	PASTORS.	Baptized...	Rec. by Let.	Restored...	Dis. by Let.	Expelled...	Deceased...	Whites.....	Colored.....	Total.....	Funds.....	Ch. Meet...
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	J. A. Cornish,	41	1	1	2	2	1	100	16	116	$2 30	4.S
Jersey Settlement,	"	Lexington,	William Turner,	13			2		9	110	213	323	3 80	1.S
Abbott's Creek,	"	Abbott's Creek,	J. B. Jackson,	28	3	2	2		2	86	2	88	2 50	3.S
Tom's Creek,	"	Jackson Hill,	John Snider,	1			1		1	18	3	21	1 50	1.S
High Point,	Guilford,	High Point,	William Turner,	2	2		1			24		24	2 00	1.S
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	Benjamin Lanier,	not represented.						70	1	71		2.S
Holloway's,	"	Silver Hill,	J. A. Cornish,	16				1		102	15	117	2 50	2.S
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	Salem,	William Turner,	22			6		2	86	9	95	2 00	2.S
Big Creek,	Montgomery,		Not rep. by letter.							43		43	2 00	
Pine Meet. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	C. W. Bessent,						1	15		15	1 50	4.S
Reed's Cross Roads,	"	"	Aaron Yarbrough,	17	1			1		70	2	72	2 00	2.S
Marion,	"	"	J. B. Jackson,					2		17	3	20	1 00	2.S
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	No Pastor,							50		50	*50	
Thomasville,	Davidson,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson,	2					2	17	1	18	1 00	1.S
Muddy Creek,	"	Clemmonsville.	J. A. Cornish,	21	3		1	2	1	50	6	56	2 00	1.S
				163	10	3	15	8	19	858	271	1129	26 60	

*Funds by Elder Lambeth.

A List of Ordained Ministers.—Wm. N. Heriford of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier and John Snider of Tom's Creek; W. H. Hamner, Aaron Yarbrough and J. A. Cornish of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Turner of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth of Salisbury, and J. B. Jackson of Thomasville.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

The Church at Abbott's Creek, Davidson County, N. C.

AUGUST 22–24, 1868.

RALEIGH, N. C.
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THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

PROCEEDINGS.

Abbott's Creek, Davidson County,
Saturday, August 22nd, 1868.

The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment by Elder Wm. H. Hamner, from Eph. 2: 5. After a recess, the Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Benjamin Lanier, brother J. H. Owen acting as clerk, *pro tem.*

The roll of Churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Lick Creek—W. R. Coggin, Wm. P. Redwine.

Jersey Settlement—Joseph Roach, G. W. Palmer and J. H. Smith.

Abbott's Creek—C. J. Watkins, E. E. Pitts and John Teague.

Tom's Creek—Spencer Kerns, Peter Riley and Simeon Sheets.

High Point—A. C. Jones, J. L. Pleasant and J. Welch.

Liberty—H. Copple, J Kepley and W. Parrish.

Holloway's—Samuel Beeker, A. J. Feezor and Wm. Gallimore.

New Friendship—R. J. Charles, A. R. Spurgin and Alexander Delap.

Big Creek—S. R. Coggin, Obediah Miller and George Henderson.

Pine Meeting House—Henry Beck.

Reed's Cross Road's—J. N. Myers, J. A. Craver and J. H. Owen.

Marion—R. S. Green and Peter Lopp.

Thomasville—Aquilla Jones, A. R. Wetherington and Wm. E. Jones.

Muddy Creek—Jacob Cornish, Wm. Doty and Benjamin Doty.

After which an election for Moderator and Clerk, resulted in the choice of Elder Benjamin Lanier, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen, Clerk.

An invitation was then given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association, upon which Elder A. P. Stoker presented a petition from a newly constituted church called Stoker's Chapel, asking admission into this Association. After remarks by Elders Hamner, Jackson and Stoker, it was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates, Elders, A. P. Stoker, W. N. Thayer and brother M. J. Leach.

An invitation to corresponding brethren, was accepted by the following ministers and brethren, to-wit:

Pee Dee—Brother W. W. Russell.

Sandy Creek—Elder Enock Crutchfield.

Beulah—Elders, P. H. Fontaine and P. Oliver,

Yadkin—Elder J. J. Blackwood and A. S. Jones.

Elder E. C. Williams then presented a petition from the Rocky River Association, asking to open a correspondence with this Association, which was cheerfully agreed to, and the delegates, Elder E. C. Williams and brother J. M. McCurdy, were cordially received, the Moderator giving them the hand of fellowship.

Elder Williams then submitted a few remarks, setting forth the design of forming the Rocky River Association, also Elder Walters made a few remarks on the same subject.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren which was accepted by Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions; J. B. Richardson from the Sandy Creek—and Elder Robert Gourly from the Beulah.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Order of business—Elders J. B. Jackson, W. H. Hamner, and brother John Teague.

Finance—brethren A. C. Jones and W. E. Jones.

State Missions—Elders William Turner and A. P. Stoker.

Church Letters and State of Religion—Elder J. B. Jackson and brother Wiley Parrish.

Ministerial Support—Elders A. P. Stoker and W. H. Hamner.

Education—Elders J. A. Cornish and J. B. Richardson.

Periodicals—Brethren W. R. Coggins and W. P. Redwine.

Colportage and Sabbath Schools—Elder J. B. Richardson and brother A. R. Wetherington.

Temperance—Elder W. H. Hamner and A. P. Stoker.

Religious Services—Brother W. Raper, with the Pastor and Deacons of Abbott's Creek Church.

There being no other business before the Association, Elder W. T. Walters made an address on the religious condition of the country

Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock, A. M. Singing, and prayer by Elder E. C. Williams.

SABBATH.

Religious services in the morning.

Owing to the incessant rain in the morning, the people did not collect for preaching until the afternoon.

At 3 o'clock, Elder E. C. Williams preached from Romans 1: 16.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M

Religious services by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. J. Blackwood.

The committee on the order of business reported, and was discharged.

Invitation to correspondents was accepted by brother J, H. Mills, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, from the Central Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following correspondents to sister Associations.

Yadkin—Elders J. B. Jackson, William Turner and brother John Teague.

Sandy Creek—Elder W. H. Hamner, brother A. C. Jones and W. E. Jones.

Pee Dee—Elders A. P. Stoker, W. N. Thayer and brother A. O. P. Teague and John Teague.

Beulah—Elder Wm. Turner, brother J. L. Pleasants and John Teague.

Rocky River—Elders J. B. Jackson, A. P. Stoker and brother W. R. Coggin.

Resolved, That any minister, or brother whose name appears in these minutes, may be received by other Associations as correspondents.

Correspondents were then called on to report:

Yadkin—Brother John Teague reported that he attended the same and was cordially received. The brethren appointed to attend the Pee Dee, Sandy Creek and Beulah Associations did not attend, and were excused.

A motion prevailed allowing Elder J. A. Cornish an opportunity to make a verbal statement in referance to the Missionary work of this Association. After which, remarks were made by Elders Turner, Jackson and others.

Brethren R. S. Green and Peter Lopp were added to the Executive committee. An opportunity was then given Elder Walters to present the claims of State Missions, which he at once did, and took up a collection amounting to $40,35 in cash, and pledges to some amount.

It was agreed that this Association meet in its next annual session, with the Baptist Church at Big Creek, Montgomery County, N. C., on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1869.

The committee on Finance then reported that they had received from the churches $28,43. The Treasurer reported a balance of $3,25, from last year, making in all $31,68 minute fund.

The committee on State Missions reported the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That State Missions as a benevolent enterprise is a fruitful field of Christian labor.

The following reports were then adopted:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Brethren:—Your committee to whom was referred Church letters and the state of religion, have had the subject under consideration, and are happy to learn that, although some of the Churches seem to be in a cold state, others have had precious seasons of grace, and have, we trust, been visited with an outpouring of the Spirit of God, and as the result of those revivals with which the Churches have been favored, eighty-seven have been added by baptism, also several have been received by letter and some restored.

While these reflections cheer our hearts, the unwelcome truth is forced upon us that there is no increase in numbers in this Association. Why is this? Has not the Gospel been preached faithfully? Have not the means been used? Other denominations are on the increase in number. Have not we as a denomination the truth on our side? Let us begin to consider where the fault lies, and in so doing, let us unite our prayers and means, thus showing a willingness to make greater sacrifice for Him, who for us, gave up everything of an earthly character. Dear brethren let us not despond, but let our hearts be cheered with the reflection that notwithstanding some of the churches failed to represent themselves last year, they send up their delegates again this year, and with their good news. There have been added to their number such, we trust, as will labor for Christ on earth and be saved in a coming day. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B JACKSON, Chm'n.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that after examining the matter, they think the churches have been too neglectful, and have not done their duty as they should. We would recommend, that in the future they endeavor to amend in this respect. We are aware that the pressure of the times and scarcity of money render many churches unable to support their pastor as they should. We would therefore suggest that each member lay up in store of his earnings for that special purpose. In this way they may be able to do something for the support of the Gospel. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. STOKER, Chm'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: We believe it to be our duty as Christians to put forth every effort in our power for the proper education, not only of our own children, but the rising generation, there has been too much neglect by us as a body of Christians in this matter. We believe ignorance to be one of the Devil's strongest forts. Seeing the great advantages of education, and especially now, what father will not resolve at least to give his children a good English, and if possible a classical or finished education. We would recommend to all, our College at Wake Forest, equal we think to any in the State, with many advantages for giving a sound and moral education. We would recommend the Abbott's Creek School, at Abbott's Creek, as worthy the patronage of all. It possesses the advantages of a healthy location, and is surrounded by good society. We further believe it to be our duty to encourage this school.

J A. CORNISH, Chm'n.

Pending the adoption, remarks were made by brother J. H. Mills, Elders Walters, Cornish and Turner.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to report. Dear brethren, we fear that our people are too dilatory about reading religious literature, therefore your committee would recommend the Baptists generally to read and extend the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*, *Kind Words* and the *Home and Foreign Journal*, believing that reading these precious sheets, would be the means of doing much good.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COGGIN, Chm'n.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made

by brother J. H. Mills editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elders Turner and Cornish.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools there being no report, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we co operate with the Sunday School Association of North Carolina, and commend this organization to our churches.

The Committee on Temperance then reported—Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report. After considerable thought on the subject of Temperance, we have come to the conclusion that an undue excess of spirits or drunkenness is a sin, and God will not hold the guilty guiltless, and further we would recommend to our brethren to put away the evil from among them. Let it not once be named among us, that we have any one who would be seen intoxicated within our bounds.

WM. H. HAMNER, Chm'n.

Appointed a Committee consisting of the following:

Elders Wm. H. Hamner and Aaron Yarbrough, to visit Salisbury Church, and make inquiry into the cause of her not representing herself in this body, and to report to this body at its next annual meeting.

On motion, it was agreed that the constitution of this Association be appended to our minutes.

The following delegates were then appointed to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner and brethren E. E. Pitts, J. L. Pleasant and W. F. Stoner.

Appointed Elder J. B. Jackson to preach the Introductory sermon at the next annual meeting of this body.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, 500 in number allowing him $10,00 for his services as clerk of this Assaciation.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, neighbors and friends for their hospitality in supporting this body during its session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Walters, benediction by the Moderator.

BENJAMIN LANIER, Moderator.

J. H. Owen, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by let.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch. Meeting.
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	J. A. Cornish,	W. P. Redwine,	Lexington,	10		1	2	3	3	111	12	123	$ 2 75	4th
Jersey Settlement,	"	W. Turner,	James Wiseman,	"	12			2		11	112	200	312	3 00	1st
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Jackson,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,	6	3		1		2	89	3	92	3 05	3rd
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Sampson Newsom,	Hannersville,	7	2				2	26	2	28	1 95	2nd
High Point,	Guilford,	Wm. Turner,	J. Welch,	High Point,	10	7		7		1	33	3	36	2 50	4th
Liberty,	Davidson,		W. Parrish,	Hannersville,							67	1	68	1 50	2nd
Holloway's,	"	J. A. Cornish,	C. Smith,	Silver Hill,	11			5	1	1	98	12	110	2 00	2nd
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	W. Turner,	Salem,	2	1	1	6	2	1	82	7	89	2 48	1st
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,	S. R. Coggin,	Burns' Mill,	25	10		2		1	28	1	29	1 05	3rd
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	H. A. Clement,	Lexington,	1	1					18		18	1 35	4th
Reed's X Roads,	"	J. B. Jackson,	R. S. Green,	"					2	2	66	2	68	2 00	2nd
Marion,	"	A. Yarborough,	J. H. Owen,	"							16	3	19	2 10	2nd
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Not represented,													
Thomasville,	Davidson,	J. B. Richardson,	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,							17		17	1 10	1st
Muddy Creek,	"	J. A. Cornish,	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,	3	1			4		49	7	56	1 00	1st
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,		Sander's Hill,							18	1	19	1 25	1st
					87	25	2	25	14	24	380	254	1084	28 43	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. Members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Liberty Association; who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches in this Union.

4. The Association when convened shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded, shall be left to the discretion of the Association, whether it shall be debated or not.

7. Any church in this union shall be entitled to representation in this Association, but shall send only three members.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes, the best method for effecting the purpose shall be left to the discretion of the same.

9. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting the same and, we think it the duty of each church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper, and send by the hand of their delegates to the Association, and those monies thus contributed shall be placed in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the same for all monies received and paid out according to the direction of the Association

10. There shall be a yearly meeting of this Association where the pro-

ceedings of each session shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

11. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. The Association shall have power to enquire into the cause, why the churches do not at any time of sitting represent themselves.

13. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of the same or deviate from the othodox principles of religion.

14. The Association shall have power to invite all visiting brethren in the ministry, from other churches or Associations, whom they esteem of good moral character, and of the same faith and order, to sit with her in council.

15. This Association shall not have the power to exercise any authority over the private sentiments of individual brethren or churches, respecting the various institutions of the day, purporting to have for their object the spread of the gospel, and the diffusion of useful knowledge.

16. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time and place it may think most convenient to the churches.

17. This Constitutiou shall be subjected to alteration, when a majority of the Association shall think proper.

18. All the ordained ministers of this Association are constituted members ex-officio, and entitled to seats on all occasions without being elected by their churches.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	J. Spiller,	Hannesville,
Wm. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	J. A. Cornish,	Lexington,
A. Yarbrough,	"	W. N. Herriford,	Wentworth,
*S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson,	Thomasville,
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	W. N. Thayer,	Sanders Hill.

*Elder Howerton obtained a letter of dismission from the church at Thomasville with a view of moving his membership out of our bounds, but recently we learned that he had not done so. This accounts for his name not appearing in our last minutes —CLERK.

Form of Tables to be used by the Clerks of Churches, and Supt's. of Sunday Schools.

Statistical Table of ..... Church. ..... Clerk.

Location.	Time of Meeting.	Pastors.	Pastor's Residence	Clerk's Residence	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male.	Female.	Total.

Contributions of ..... Church.

Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	S. School Board State N C	Printing Minutes.	Religious Papers taken.	Miscellaneous.

Sunday School of ..... Church ..... Supt.

Teachers.	Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Meets.	What part of year.	Superintendents.	Post office of Supt.	No. verses Scripture recited.	Scholars professed religion past year.	Copies of Kind Words taken.	Vols. in Library.	Co'tions	Remarks.

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THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

PROCEEDINGS.

BIG CREEK, Montgomery County, N. C.
Saturday, 21st August, 1869.

In the absence of Elder J. B. Jackson the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Stoker, from Psalm 150 : 6.

After a short intermission, on motion of Elder W. H. Hamner, Elder Wm. Turner was called to the chair. The churches were then called, and letters read by the former clerk, which represented the following delegation :

Lick Creek—Joseph Carrick, Thomas Carrick and Jesse Parks.

Jersey Settlement—Joseph Roach, G. F. Smith, sen. and G. F. Smith, jr.

Abbott's Creek—E. E. Pitts, William Clinard and W. R. Hedecock.

Tom's Creek—Jesse Steed, Henry Sheets and Simeon Sheets.

High Point—A. C. Jones, J. Welch and J. H. Brooks*

Liberty—J. Kepley,* W. Parrish,* and A. Copple.*

Holloway's—W. F. Stoner, D. H. Cross, Benjamin Dickens.

New Friendship.—J. P. Nissen, G. W. Harmon. M. L. Charles.

Big Creek—M. Davis, Lewis Henderson, Locky Henderson.

Pine Meeting House—John Barnes,* Henry Beck,* and H. A. Clement.*

Reed's Cross Roads—Isaac A. Park,* Wm. A. Livengood,* J. H. Owen.

Marion—Peter Lopp, R. S. Green,* Jacob Seachrist,*

Thomasville—A. Jones, A. R. Witherington,* W. E. Jones.*

Muddy Creek—No delegates—funds and statistics by the Pastor.

Stoker's Chapel—M. J. Leach, N. R. Jackson, P. C. Riley.

Elder Wm. Turner was then chosen Moderator, and Bro. J. H. Owen, Clerk.

* Not Present.

Invitation to correspondents was accepted by Elder P. Oliver, from the Beulah, Elder's A. G. Galoway, and J. W. Dunn, from the Pee Dee; Elder H. Marton, from the Rocky River.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elder D. Wright.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance.—Brethren M. Davis, and P. C. Riley,

On Order of Business.—Brethren Wm. Clinard, G. F. Smith Senior, Elder A. Yarbrough, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Church Letters.—Brother G. W. Harmon and Elder A. P. Stoker.

State Missions—Brother E. E. Pitts.

Ministerial Support.—Brother Aquilla Jones.

Temperance.—Elker A. P. Stoker,

Sabbath Schools—Brother J. H. Owen.

Periodicals.—Brother W. R. Hedgecock.

Education.—Elder Wyatt N. Thayer.

Religious Service.—The Pastor, Delegates, and Deacons of Big Creek Church.

Adjourned. Prayer, Elder W. Dnnn, leading.

SABBATH.

The ministers appointed to occupy the stand, met a large, well ordered and attentive congregation, and were addressed as follows:

At half after 9 o'clock, Elder D. Wright preached from Hebrews 4: 9.

At 11 o'clock, Elder Wm. Turner preached from Luke 12: 57.

INTERMISSION.

At 2 o'clock, Elder P. Oliver, preached from John 17: 11.

Prayer, Elder Dunn leading.

Monday, 9½ o'clock.

The Moderator read 119th Psalm, Hymn, "Come we that love the Lord."

Prayer, Elder Oliver, leading.

Roll call by the Clerk.

Order of business read and adopted.

Correspondents were then called upon to report.

Yadkin. The brethren did not attend.

Sandy Creek. No one attended.

Beulah. Brother J. L. Pleasant attended, and was cordially received, he brought back an interesting report.

Rocky River. No one attended.

Those failing to attend the different Associations to which they were appointed, gave their reasons and were excused.

The Baptist State Convention was attended by Elder Turner, brethren G. W. Harmon, and W. R. Hedgecock.

Correspondents to other Associations were appointed as follows:

Yadkin, Brethren John Teague, Wm. Clenard and J. H. Owen,

Sandy Creek, Brother A. C. Jones, Elders W. H. Hamner and Aaron Yarbrough.

Pee Dee, Brethren M. J. Leach, P. C. Riley, and M. Davis.

Beulah, Brethren Joseph Roach, G. F. Smith, Sen., and J. L. Pleasant.

Rocky River, Elder A. P. Stoker, Brethren W. R. Coggin and E. H. Davis.

Committees reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Dear Brethren:—We, who were appointed as a committee to prepare a report on Church Letters, after some little consideration, have been glad to learn that the Lord has been with his people and that in some churches of our Association there have been glorious revivals, and many precious souls as we believe, have, through the instrumentality of God's people, been brought from nature's night into the glorious liberty of the children of God. And Christians have been encouraged, strengthened and enabled to rejoice in hope of a blessed immortality. And surely we should say as David, "Come, let us magnify the Lord, let us exalt His name together."

But while it fills our souls with joy and gladness to hear of the prosperity of Zion in some portions of our Association, we are made to sorrow over her desolations in other parts of the vineyard. Some of the brethren are telling us of the coldness of their churches. They are crying out, "O my leanness, my leanness."

Brethren, why this cold state of God's people. Is it because the Lord is not willing to bless his people, or is it because we have been too negligent in regard to many important duties. We verely believe, brethren that there is no necessity for our coldness, but that it is our privilege to be always rejoicing in the Lord. Let us all search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Is it not high time to awake to a sense of the responsibility resting upon us. Our great Adversary is

always awake and shall we not watch and pray. Let us labor together for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. And when we are engaged in working and praying with our soul, mind, and strength, then may we expect that the Lord will pour down such a blessing as that, there shall not be room enough to contain it. The walls of Zion shall be built up, Christians will be revived, sinners converted to God, the strongholds of Satan shall tremble, and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be glorified in the earth.

Respectfuly submitted,

G. W. HARMAN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

By a careful survey of our widly extended teritory we at once see there are several localities destitute of Baptist preaching.

Resolved, That we try to stir our members upon this all important subject and if possible enlist each of our 1084 members in the work.

Resolved, That a very small amount layed by weekly would make a sum in the agregate that would do very much towards supplying all portions with the Gospel of our blessed Lord Master.

Resolved, In view of this we earnestly request each and every one to give weekly as the Lord hath prospered him for this glorious work.

E. E. PITTS.

Report read. After remarks by brother M. J. Leach, Elders Wright, Morton, Oliver, Hamner, and Stoker, the report was amended and adopted.

On motion Elder Turner was excused from the duties of the chair to go to the stand to preach, and Elder Hamner was chosen in his stead.

The committee on Ministerial Support submitted the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Since it has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, it is therefore necessary to have a number of preachers; that every vicinity may enjoy the preached word, your committee regret exceedingly the necessity of saying, that there is great destitution within the bounds of the Liberty Association. What is the cause of this? Are there not enough ministers to occupy the territory? We suggest that the real cause may be, that the ministers of our district, are generally confined to some secular employment, because they are not supported by the people. Brethren this ought not so to be. Various considerations show that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Reason and common sense teach that every man should live by his labor. The farmer lives by his occupation. The blacksmith expects to live by his daily earnings at the anvil. The doctor, lawyer and school teacher all live by their employments. Why not the preacher live the same way? Are his sacrifices and labors too small to command food and raiment for himself and family? Christ said in reference to his minis-

ters, "the workman is worthy of his meat," "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Mat 10: 10; Luke, 10: 7. Paul says in 1 Tim. 5: 18. "For the scripture saith, (Deut. 25: 4) thou shall not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn: And, the laborer is worthy of his reward. Let men try the experiment in their temporal interest, plough the ox without food for a few days. the ox will be sure to die, then grass and hurtful weeds will take the field, just so, withhold from the minister a reasonable support, he will be reduced to the necessity of remaining at home, most of his time, then hurtful errors will take the spiritual field. We recommend the brethren generally to read that masterly comment of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 9: 4, 14. There he brings to bear upon the minds of the Christian brethren, various considerations, why the minister has a right to expect a support from those to whom he preaches. He askes such questions as these, "have we not power to eat and to drink?" "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of t e milk of the flock?" "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Do ye not know, that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partaker with the altar?" Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel! Let us bear in mind that the Apostle draws these sacred and important lessons from the old Testament scriptures, as well as from every day life. Again he says, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things," Gal. 6: 6. The ministers support should be liberal, because hospitality is enjoined upon him. He is to be an example to the church in liberality. How can he do this, if his support is so scanty that he can scarcely keep soul and body together! Brethren may contribute in kind as well as currency, "all good things," such as will benefit the minister or his family. The contributors are all those who are taught in the word Covetousness is a crying sin of the church. Brethren, all should feel their obligation to Christ, to do what they can, then we may hope for a different state of things, in the churches and country generally.

Respectfully submitted,

A. JONES.

which after remarks by Elders Oliver, Morton, and Wright, was adopted.

On Sunday Schools the following resolutions were submitted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association the Sabbath School enterprise is a good work and demands the attention and hearty co-operation of all Christians.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches within our Association to organize and maintain well conducted Sabbath Schools, not only at their own houses of worship but in destitute sections of the country were it may be deemed practicable,

On Periodicals. The following after remarks by Elder Oliver was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That this Association urge that every Baptist family should read religious newspapers, that through them the rising youths may be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and that every member should take and read the RECORDER, that they may hear from those whom they love and wholove them.

W. R. HEDGECOCK.

On Education. Without remarks, the following was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education, after taking the matter into consideration, beg leave to submit the following:

"We believe it to be our duty as Christians to put fourth every effort in our power for the proper education, not only of our own children, but of the rising generation; there has been too much neglect by us as a body of Christians in this matter, we believe that ignorance has been through all time past, the mother of vice and immorality; and it is at this time; with a prospect of growing worse in the future, one of Satans strongest forts.

Seeing the great advantages of education, especially at this time, what father or mother will not resolve at least to give their children a good English. and if possible a Classical or a finished education?

We would recommend to all, our College at Wake Forest, it being an old and well established institution, equal, we think, to any in the State, with many advantages for giving a sound, and a moral education.

We would also recommend the Abbott's Creek School at Abbott's Creek, and all other similar institutions as worthy the patronage of all. It possesses the advantages of a healthy location and is surrounded by good society

We further believe it to be our duty to encourage this and all similar institutions.

WYATT N. THAYER, Chairman.

On Temperance. Elder A. P. Stoker was not ready and was excused, whereupon brother J. H. Owen unwilling to see the subject passed over in silence, begged leave to offer a single resolution, which was granted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, the Manufacture, Traffic, or use of Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage is not consistant with Christian character.

After remarks by Elder's Oliver and Wright it was adopted.

The following committees were then appointed to report at the next annual meeting of this body.

On Temperance.—Brother E. E. Pitts.

On Periodicals.—Elder W. N. Thayer.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elder Wm. Turner.

On Education.—Brother J. H. Owen.

On Ministerial Support.—Brother J. L. Pleasant.

On State and Foreign Missions.—Brother G. W. Harman.

On Church Letters and State of Religion.—Elder A. P. Stoker.

Ordered that the form of letters from Churches to the Association be printed.

It was agreed that this Association meet in its next annual session with the Baptist Church at Pine Meeting House, Davidson county, on Saturday before the 4th. Sabbath in August, 1870.

Appointed Elder Wm. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Aaron Yarbrough his alternate. The Committee on Finance reported. (See table.)

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, 500 in number, and that he have $10,00 for his service as Clerk of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the brethren, friends and neighbors for their kind hospitality in supporting it during its session.

On motion adjourned. Prayer By Elder Harman.

WM. TURNER, Moderator.

J. H. Owen, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It was agreed by the Association that the following order of business be observed by this body at future meetings.

1st. Reading Church letters.

2d. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

3d. Invite Correspondents and visiting brethren.

4th. Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.

5th. Appoint Correspondents to other Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.

6th. Appoint Committees, on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion.

7th. Miscellaneous.

8th. Appoint Committees to report the next year.

9th. Appoint time and place for next Association.

10th. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.

11th. Appoint some one to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

12th. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	Wm. H. Hamner, Lexington.
S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	Aaron Yarbrough, "
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	A, P. Stoker, Salem Church.
John Snider,	Hannersville,	W. N. Herriford, Wentworth
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	W. N. Thayer. Sander's Hill.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch Meetings
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	H. Morton,	W. P, Redwine,	Jackson Hill,	23		1	3	3	7	127	9	136	$ 3 00	4th
Jersey Settlement,	"	Wm. Turner,	James Wiseman,	Lexington,	6			8	2	10	110	196	306	3 10	1st
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Richardson,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,	3	1				1	93	3	96	2 50	3rd
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	18					1	39	3	42	2 05	2nd
High Point,	Guilford,	Wm. Turner,	J. Welch,	High Point,							32	2	34	3 70	4th
Liberty,	Davidson,	A. P. Stoker,	W. Parrish,	Hannersville,	1				2	1	66		66	1 25	4th
Holloway's,	"	P. Oliver,	Charles Smith,	Silver Hill,					4	1	92	12	104	2 75	3rd
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	W. Turner,	Salem,	54	3		5	2	4	129	6	135	5 00	1st
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,	M. Davis.	Burney's Mills	1		1	2	3		33	1	34	1 25	3rd
Pine Meeting House	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	H. A. Clement,	Lexington,	13	6					36		36	2 00	4th
Reed's X Roads,	"	A. Yarbrough,	J. H. Owen,	"	3			2		1	66	2	68	1 00	2nd
Marion,	"	W. H, Hamner,	R. S. Green,	"		1					16	2	18	1 00	2nd
Salisbury,	Rowan,		"	Salisbury,							10		10	25	
Thomasville,	Davidson,	J. B. Richardson,	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,	3	2		3		1	17		17	1 50	1st
Muddy Creek.	"	P. Oliver.	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,					3		47	6	53	1 50	1st
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery.		P. C. Riley.	Sander's Hill,					1		17	1	18	1 00	1st
					125	13	2	23	20	27	930	243	1173	$32 85	

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

The.....Baptist Church at.....
to the Liberty Association for 18.....

Dear Brethren.—We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in the Association, (to wit).....whom we hope you will receive in love.

The statistics of our Church are as follows:

Received by Baptism.

Received by letter.

Dismissed by letter.

Excluded.

Restored.

Deceased.

White males.

White females.

Colored males.

Colored females.

Total in fellowship.

Pastor.

Pastor's Post Office.

Clerk's Post Office.

Time of Church conference.

Funds.

By order of the Church.

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINE MEETING HOUSE, DAVIDSON CO. N. C.

AUGUST 27-29,—1870.

ELDER WM. TURNER, MODERATOR.

J. H. OWEN, CLERK,

RIDGEWAY, N. C.:

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, August, 27, 1870.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder, Wm. Turner, from Rev. 2nd: 4.

After a short intermission the Association was called to order by the former Moderator.—Prayer, Elder P. Oliver, leading.

Letters from the Churches were handed in which represented the following delegation:

Lick Creek.—Wm. R. Coggin, Jacob Redwine, and W. P. Redwine.

Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Smith, G. F. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Abbott's Creek.—Wm. Clinard, N. W. Beeson, and P. W. Raper.

Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, E. S. Kernes, and Peter Riley.

High Point.—A. C. Jones, J. H. Brooks, and J. L. Pleasant.

Liberty.—J. T. Hepler* B. Lanier Jr.* and W. Miller.

Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner* Samuel Beeker, and W. R. Broadway.

New Friendship.—P. E. Leight, G. W. Harmon* Wm. W. Phillips*

Big Creek.—E. H. Davis* M. Davis, and J. M. Henderson.

Pine Meeting House.—John Barnes, J. H. Wilson, Moses Lamb.

Reed's Cross Roads.—Michael Leonard, Alvaren Leonard and Wm. A. Livengood.

Marion.—Peter Lopp, J. A. Leonard and R. S. Green.

Salisbury.—not represented.

Thomasville.—S. W. Howerton, Wm. E. Jones and A. R. Witherington.

Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, Wm. Doty and Ben. Doty.

* Absent.

Stocker's Chapel.—not represented.

The Association then proceeded to elect by ballot a Moderator, and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder Wm. Turner, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen, Clerk.

The Pastor, delegates and deacons, of the Church at this place were appointed a committee on religious services.

An invitation to corresponding brethren was accepted by bro. E. L. Parker, B. S. Merrel, and Elder C. W. Bessent from the Yadkin; and visiting brethren by Elders P. Oliver, R. Gourley from the Beulah and brother J. H. Mills, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, who was requested at some suitable time to present the claims of the *Recorder*. Agreed, that the Sabbath School interest be presented on Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock.

Appointed G. F. Smith, W. S. Adderton, a committee on Finance.

The order of business recommended by the Association was adopted.

Correspondents from sister Associations reported. Those appointed to attend the Yadkin, all attended and were received and much pleased with the deliberations and spirit manifested in every good work. The brethren to Sandy Creek did not attend and were excused.

Pee Dee, Brother M. Davis, attended and brought back an encouraging report. Rocky River. The brethren appointed, attended, and were much pleased with the spirit manifested in that body.

Elder Turner, attended the Baptist State Convention, also brother W. F. Stoner sent by his church attended.

Elder Turner reads the following report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS,

While there is much being done, by Christians, in many sections of the country, in this way of doing good; still, it is a means which has been too much neglected by Christians in this Association.

As long as the precept "Train up a child in the way he should go," is obligatory; and while the record stands in the New Testament; "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord:"--and while we learn from the highest of all authority, that young Timothy was indebted to the care and education of his mother and grand-mother for his godly character: all christians who are alive and active for the master, and can, should engage in this lovely employment.

Wm. TURNER.

after remarks by Elder Oliver bro. J. L. Pleasant, J. H. Mills, and others.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction by Elder C. M. Bessent.

SUNDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

The editor of the Biblical Recorder on invitation addressed the people on prospect and condition of the paper, and a club was made.

Elder Wm Turner, after reading Matthew 8th, and singing Hymn, "Religion is the chief concern," and prayer by Elder Oliver, preaches from Matthew 15th, 25th,

Prayer by Elder Gourley, Hymn "Tis religion that can give," Benediction.

2 O'clock, P. M.

After intermission and refreshments, Elder P. Oliver preached from Text "Preach the Word,"

MONDAY, 9 o'clock.

The Moderator reads 20th Psalm. Hymn, "Children of the heavanly King."

Roll of delegates called by the clerk. The report on Sabbath Schools read on Saturday was again taken up, and adopted. Brother J. H. Owen in behalf of the Sabbath School Convention asked the privelige of having the proceedings of the Sabbath morning meeting of that body appended to the minutes of this Association which was granted.

The Moderator then proceeds to the appointment of correspondents to sister Associations, as follows .

Yadkin—Bro. J. H. Wilson and Henry Beck.

Sandy Creek—Bro. A. C. Jones, Elders J. H. Brooks and W. H. Horner.

Pee Dee—Elder H. Morton and bro. M. Davis.

Beulah—Bro. J. L. Pleasant and Elder J. H. Brooks.

Rocky River—Elder A. P. Stoker and brother Jesse Parks.

Baptist State Convention—Elder J. H. Brooks, brother J. L Pleasant; and on motion the moderator of this Association was added. In the absence of the report on Temperance, Elder

J. H. Brooks was requested to give the subject notice, either by report or resolutions, which he did by offering the following, accompanied with remarks.

Resolved, That, in the estimation of this Association, Temperance is one of the christian virtues, and is enforced by the precepts and example of Christ and his apostles. It is our opinion that it is the duty of all christians prudently to use their influence, both in word and in action, against the manufacture and use of ardent spirits, as a beverage.

The report on Periodicals was read, and after amendment was adopted,

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved. That this Association recommend that every Baptist family should read religious newspapers, that through them the rising generation may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that every member should take and read the *Recorder*, *Kind Words*, and *Child's Delight*, that they might be instructed in religious matters, and that they may hear from our friends whom we love.

WYATT N. THAYER, CHAIRMAN.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and after remarks by Elders Howerton, Bessent, Turner, and brother Wm. Clinard was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

That the Minister of the Gospel, should receive of the first fruits, and be *well* sustained in a temporal point of view by the churches, is a question, that to us, does not admit of a doubt. But the securing of this end, in our opinion, devolves mainly, upon the *Deacons.*

It is their duty, and a responsibility that they cannot disregard with impunity, to *stir up* the brethren; and urge the importance of their contributing to the support of this Divinely appointed Work. We are not to "muzzle the ox," for "they that preach the *Gospel*, shall *live* of the gospel."

And if our deacons would do this, the Minister would not be tempted to descend from the dignity of his office, by making appeals for money; which if indulged in will most surely weaken his influence for good – Therefore,

Resolved.—That the deacons of all the churches of this Association, be *earnestly* requested to *see* to it, that their Pastors are *paid*, and paid *promptly.*

J. L. PLEASANT.

The report following on Education, was also adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Dear brethren, The importance of education, is almost universally admitted, and the advantages for acquiring it complete are rapidly increasing. Our denomination has schools of the highest grade under the care of the most eminently qualified teachers. And now that the Lord has blessed us with abundant harvest we earnestly and affectionately urge our people to give their children all the benefits of all the educational advantages in their reach. We especially commend the Abbott's Creek school conducted by Elder J. B. Richardson at Teague town.

We rejoice also in the prosperity of Wake Forest College, Chowan Institute and Raleigh Female Seminary, and we are glad to know, that the young people of our denomination may be thoroughly instructed by teachers of our own faith and order.

J. H. OWEN.

The subjects of State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters,

and State of Religion, were passed over, there being no reports prepared by those appointed on those objects

Elder S. M. Howerton offered a verbal resolution to secure the appointment of a committe, consisting of bro. E. H. Davis. bro. J. L. Pleasant, A. R. Witherington whose duty it shall be to correspond with the American Baptist Home Mission Board, with a view of securing the appointment and support of some suitable person to preach the Gospel to the colored people in the bounds of this Association.

The following resolution was then passed :

Resolved That this Association, recommend that the Churches throughout its bounds take up public collections to aid Elder J. B. Richardson in educating those under his care who are prosecuting their studies with a view to the ministry.

On motion the order of business was amended

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION OF THIS BODY.

Temperance—Elder J. H. Brooks ; *Periodicals*—Bro, J. L. Pleasant : *Sabbath Schools*—E. E. Pitts : *Education*—Elder S .M. Howerton : *Ministerial Support*—Bro. Wm. Clinard : *Church letters and State of Religion*—Bro. G. W. Harmon.

Agreed that this Association meet in its next Annual Session with the New Friendship Church, Forsyth county, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August 1871.

Appointed Elder H. Morton to preach the introductory sermon and J. H. Brooks his alternate.

Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes 500 in number, and that he have $10,00 for his service as clerk of this Association.

The Committee on Finance reported $28 02. Ballance in hand of Treasurer, $1 63,———$29 65.

Resolved that this association return thanks to the bretheren, neighbors and friends for the very hospitable manner in which they supported it during its session.

On motion adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Prayer by the Moderator. Benediction by Elder Brooks.

WM. TURNER, Moderator,

J. H. Owen, *Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

The Sunday School Convention of the Liberty Association, met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the President the chair was filled by Vice President Turner, and brother J. H. Owen was requested to act as Secretary.

Delegates were present from the following Churches.

Abbott's Creek, John Teague, D. Brown, N. W. Beeson and M. Teague.

High Point, G. G. Burns, A. C. Jones, and J. L. Pleasant.

New Friendship, P. E. Leight.

A genial invitation was given to all persons from the different churches to take seats and participate in the deliberations.

The object of the Convention was explained by Elder J. H. Brooks.

On motion of brother John Teague the present Officers were continued.

On motion of Elder J. H. Brooks it was agreed that there be appointed by the Chair additional Vice Presidents, one for every two or three Churches.—The following were appointed. whose duty it is to see often the Sabbath School interest in their respective localities.

Lick Creek and Big Creek, W. R. Coggin ; Tom's Creek and Stoker's Chapel, A. P. Stoker ; Liberty and Marion, R. S Green ; Jersey Settlement and Holloway's, John Prim ; High Point and Thomasville, S. W. Howerton ; Abbott's Creek and New Friendship, John Teague ; Pine Meeting House, Reed's Cross roads and Muddy Creek, P. Oliver.

Superintendents of the following schools gave encouraging accounts of their condition :

John Teague, of Abbott's Creek ; J. L. Pleasant, of High Point ; P. C. Leight of New Friendship ; John Barnes of Pine Meeting House. J. H. Mills, read a portion of Scripture accompanied by interesting remarks. On motion adjourned to meet with the Liberty Association in its next Session.

J. H. Owen, *Secretary, pro tem.*

W. M. TURNER, VICE PRES.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st.—Reading Church letters.
2nd.—Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3rd.—Appoint Committee on Finance.
4th.—Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
6th.—Call on Committees to report.
7th.—Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations, and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
8th.—Appoint Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion, to report at next annual session of this body.
9th.—Miscellaneous.
10th.—Appoint time and place for next Association.
11th.—Appoint some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
12th.—Appoint some one to Superintend the printing of the Minutes.
13th.—Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

Benjamin Lanier	New Market	N. C.
S. W. Howerton	Thomasville	"
Wm. Lambeth	Salisbury	"
John Snider	Hannersville	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington	"
A. Yarbrough	"	"
A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	"
W. N. Herriford	Went Worth	"
W. N. Thayer	Sanders Hill	"
H. Morton	Gold Hill	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S ADDRESS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS ADDRESS.	Baptized.	Rec by Let	Restored.	Dis by lett	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch m'tings
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	W. P. Redwine,	Healing Springs,	17	3	2	10	6	2	131	9	149	3 20	4
Jersey Settlement,	"	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	James Wiseman,	Linnwood,	15			14	3	7			283	3 30	1
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Richardson,	Abbott's Creek,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,				2	2		90	3	93	1 15	3
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	Henry Shuts,	Salem Church,	7	1	1		2		46	3	49	2 40	2
High Point,	Guilford.	J. B. Richardson,	Abbotts Creek,	John Teague	Abbott's Church,				2	2		90	3	93	1 15	3
Liberty,	Davidson,	W. N. Thayer,	Sanders Hill,	W. Parrish,	Hannersville,	11			2			46	3	49	2 00	2
Holloway's,	Davidson,	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	Charles Smith,	Lexington,	16			4	5	4	96	12	108	1 82	3
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	Anderson's Store,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	1	1		4	1	2	126	4	130	2 75	1
Big Creek	Montgomery,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	M. Davis,	Burney's Mills	3		1	3			36	1	37	1 25	3
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	Jerusalem,	H. A. Clement	Lexington,	1		1	4	1		33		33	1 85	4
Reeds ✕ Roads,	"	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	J. H. Owen,	Lexington,			1	2	4		62	2	64	2 10	2
Marion,	"	W. H. Hamner,	"	R. S. Green,	"	7	2					23	4	27	1 50	2
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Not represented,							4			14		14	1 50	3
Thomasville,	Davidson,	P. H. Fontaine,	Greensboro'	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,				5	5	1	42	3	45	1 10	4
Muddy Creek.	"	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,	1								18		
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery,		Not represented,													
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PROCEEDINGS.

NEW FRIENDSHIP, FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C.

By request, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. W. M. Wingate, from II Corinthians, III—12.

"Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

Prayer, Elder Morton leading.

After intermission and refreshments, the opening service was conducted by former Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. W. Bessent.

Letters read by former Clerk, which represented the following delegation :

Lick Creek.—Brn. W. P. Redwine, J. H. Daniel and Thomas Carrick.
Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Smith and J. H. Maley.
Abbott's Creek.—R. Q. A. Teague and John Teague.
Tom's Creek.—James Riley, Henry Sheets and Andrew Buie.
High Point.—A. C. Jones, J. L. Pleasant and M. M. Welch.
Liberty.—F. Lumsden, B. Lanier, Jr., and J. T. Hepler.
Holloway's.—J. M. Prim.
New Friendship.—Alexander Delap, Wm. M. Philips and C. A. Rominger.
Big Creek.—Lockey Henderson and Lewis Henderson.
Pine Meeting House.—Wm. H. Simeson and Lewis Barnes.
Reed's Cross Roads.—Alfred Wood, D. C. Craver and J. H. Owen.
Marion.—Peter Lopp, D. A. Jinkins and R. S. Green.
Thomasville.—E. H. Davis, W. E. Jones and Charles Sugs.
Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, Benjamin Doty and E. P. Mullican.

On motion of brother John Teague, the former Moderator, Elder Wm. Turner, and Clerk, brother J. H. Owen, were re-elected by acclamation.

An invitation was given to Churches desiring to unite with this Association : A petition from a newly constituted Church at Pierce's Chapel, was handed in accompanied with letter, delegates and a synopsis of their faith and practice, after which the church was received and their delegates, to wit :— Farly Cody, S. W. Lanier and J. T. Loflin, enrolled.

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The Moderator then gave an invitation to correspondents and visitors, which was accepted by Dr. Wm. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College; Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Elder Enoch Crutchfield, of the Sandy Creek Association; Elder W. M. Bostick, of Pee Dee; Elder C. W. Bessent and brn. Henry Hart, Joseph Hart and E. L. Parker from the Yadkin Association; Elders P. Oliver, R. Gourley, and brn. G. J. Guthrie and T. J. Valentine, of the Beulah.

Correspondents to sister Associations called on to report:—Brother John Teague attended the Yadkin; brother A. C. Jones and Elder J. H. Brooks, the Sandy Creek; and brother Jesse Park the Rocky River. Brother J. L. Pleasant attended the Baptist State Convention, and gave an interesting account of the pleasure with which he visited that body and participated in its deliberations.

A Committee of Finance, consisting of brn. E. H. Davis and G. W. Charles was then appointed.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Bro. R. Q. A. Teague on Sabbath Schools, to fill the place of the committee appointed last year, and Bro. E. H. Davis on Ministerial support.

The pastor, delegates and deacons of New Friendship church were, on motion, appointed to arrange religious service during the meeting.

Adjourned to meet in mass meeting with the Sabbath School Convention on Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The brethren and friends of the Sabbath School Convention met in mass meeting and were addressed by Elder J. H. Brooks, after which, on motion, it was agreed to transfer the business of the Sabbath School Convention to the Churches, with a request that they make annual reports to the Association through their delegates.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Dr. Wingate preached in the house from Luke 14th:-23rd; and Elder W. M. Bostick, at the stand, from Acts 17th:-31st. Collection for Yates' Chapel amounting to $25 50.

After an intermission and refreshments,

By request of the Baptist Church at New Friendship, Forsyth County, N. C., Bro. G. W. Harman was examined and regularly ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator*,
J. B. RICHARDSON, *Sec'y*,
ENOCH CRUTCHFIELD,
J. H. BROOKS,
W. M. BOSTICK,
} *Presbytery.*

After the close of the ordination exercises, Elder J. D. Hufham preached at the stand, from Luke 23 : 42-43. Prayer, Elder R. Gourley leading.

Benediction.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Sabbath School Convention again met in mass meeting and was addressed by Dr. Wingate, Elder J. D. Hufham and Brother J. H. Mills, after which the meeting adjourned to give way to the business of the Association.

The Moderator then read the 8th Psalm, and sang hymn 79. Prayer, Elder J. B. Richardson leading.

On motion of brother J. L. Pleasant, the proceedings of Saturday were read, and the roll of delegates called.

On motion of brother John Teague, it was agreed to consider the inquiry of Tom's Creek Church, why the word "adoption" was left out of the minutes. After some discussion, on motion, the question was laid on the table for want of information as to the import of the question. Also an inquiry was suggested by a clause inserted in the letter from the church at Pine-Meeting House respecting the propriety of receiving into our fellowship persons baptized by our Anti-missionary brethren, but for want of proper definiteness, it was also tabled.

On motion, it was agreed that the Sabbath School interest hereafter be reported in the church letters.

The case of the church at Salisbury came up. Elder A. Yarbrough and brother J. H. Owen made statements to the import that there were only some ten or twelve sisters there, and perhaps one male member ; that they desired the Association to do whatever it could to send them a preacher.

Brother W. P. Redwine moved to drop the name from our minutes, but after consideration, withdrew it.

Brother J. H. Mills desires to have appointed a committee

to co-operate with the corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board to secure the appointment of some one to preach at that place.

On motion, at the request of Elder J D. Hufham, the committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, read the following

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I am happy to learn that the Lord has been among his people within the bounds of this Association to bless their labors. Since our last meeting some of the churches have had very interesting meetings and many hopeful converts have been added to them, and are now laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. We can but hope also, that some at least of our churches are awaking to the importance of Sunday Schools and missionary operations. But while we have been blessed of God with the outpouring of his spirit, and many have been brought into the fold of Jesus, and while something is being done in the way of Sunday Schools, missionary work, and in various ways, yet we can not shut our eyes to the fact that there is a pressing necessity for renewed diligence in the cause of the Master. Alarming destitution prevails in some portions of our Association. Many do not hear the gospel preached in its simplicity and purity. Broad fields of usefulness open up all around us, yet how few of us are laboring as we should. Souls are actually starving in the midst of the Liberty Association, and what little haste do we make in supplying their wants!

It is to be feared too, that there are many of those who profess to follow Christ, wanting in personal piety, unfeigned love, ardent devotion and entire consecration to the cause of our Lord. Too many of us fall far short of being such as those who were first called christians. But if we have wandered, let us retrace our steps, turn our feet again to the testimonies of the Lord, dedicate ourselves anew to his service, and work and live as we have never done in the past. And if we thus do, we have every reason to believe that the blessings of God will attend us, and the ways of Zion shall prosper.

G. W. HARMAN.

Elder J. B. Richardson stated that it is desirable and in contemplation to build a house of worship at Greensboro, urged

the necessity in an earnest appeal for the same, and solicited contributions for the same. Elder J. D. Hufham then addressed the Association in an earnest appeal in behalf of the Board of Missions, and a collection was taken up.

On motion called off half hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question on the adoption of the report on Church letters again taken up: Elder J. D. Hufham again addressed the Association, insisting on the necessity of at once commencing missionary labors either by co-operating with the State Board or our own means. After which the report was adopted.

Elder J. D. Hufham then offered the following:

Moved, that a committee of five, including the Moderator, be appointed to co-operate with the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in recommending suitable men for appointment as missionaries, selecting fields for them and aiding in sustaining them.

After some remarks, the motion was carried, and the following brethren appointed, to-wit:—A. C. Jones, R. Q. A. Teague, G. W. Smith and Alexander Delap.

Elder G. W. Harman read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

What is the christian's duty in relation to the use of ardent spirits? This is a question of utmost importance. It is conceded that intemperance is a powerful and wide-spread evil.—Its ravages are seen in the public councils, as well as in the private circle, and felt in all grades of society. Can we cry down drunkenness, and still favor a practice which unavoidably leads to that vice? Can we consistently condemn drunkenness and yet tolerate moderate drinking? As long as moderate drinking is fashionable, drunkenness will prevail; and who can tell precisely where one stops, and the other begins? All the feelings, excited by the use of this article, whether it be moderate or excessive, are directly in opposition to the spirit of christianity. While the feelings are under the control of alcohol, the life and vigor of Christianity are either extinct, or they shine with so dim a light, as not to be recognized as the light of the world. Your reporter would recommend that every christian pause and reflect; and with due regard

to the interest of his fellowmen, ask himself the question :— What is my duty in reference to this dangerous habit ?

J. H. BROOKS.

Which, after some remarks by Elder Enoch Crutchfield, was adopted.

Brother J. L. Pleasant then read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Our efforts, as a body of christians, are certainly very much impeded for want of a more thorough acquaintance with each other. We too often lose our energy in the Divine Service, and our love, both to the brethren and to God, grows cold for want of this acquaintance. And we do earnestly insist on the brethren of this association, who have hitherto failed to take the *Biblical Recorder*, to do so at once ; for the voice of the churches is heard, and comes to us mainly through this medium. It is well worthy. It is a good investment. *It is our duty.*

We also recommend the *Home & Foreign Journal*, for it is a source of knowledge and much comfort to those who feel interested in the Mission work. And there are numerous Sunday school papers also, which would edify and stimulate us in the Sunday school work—such as *Kind Words, Young Reaper, &c.*

Dear brethren, let us arouse ourselves and awake to the light and knowledge which surrounds us.

J. L. PLEASANT.

The editor of the *Biblical Recorder* made some remarks respecting the claims, character and condition of the paper.— Elders Richardson and Oliver also offered brief remarks, and the report was adopted.

Elder Oliver then read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committtee regrets very much having to report Baptist parents, as a general thing, asleep to the great interest of those whom God has given them, and commanded to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. O that parents did but truly view the responsibilities resting upon them as parents.

They, according to the Bible, train those precious little jew-

els whom God has given them, either for weal or woe. Can many parents believe the truth as it is, that they are training their dear little boys and girls for the world of woe? Could they believe this solemn truth as it is, surely no father or mother would be absent at Sunday school.

Then we would advise parents not to send their children to Sunday school, but go and take them and thus obey the Master of the great work, who assures them that children thus trained, will not, when they become old, depart from it.

Adopted without remarks. R. Q. A. TEAGUE.

Elder J. D. Hufham read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is needless in a report like this to remind parents of their duty to educate their children. It is admitted that all ought to educate as far as they can.

It gives us pleasure to say, that there are in the State Baptist schools, both male and female, of the highest order. In them our children can receive the best mental culture, without danger of receiving improper religious bias.

Wake Forest College, for nearly forty years, has been doing a noble work in the cause of education. It has risen with renewed strength and hopes from the embarrassments of the late war. Through the club-house system of boarding its advantages are placed within easy reach of most young men who wish to enjoy them.

We need to pay special attention now to the subject of ministerial education. The times demand this.

We would commend the prayerful consideration of the churches to the claims of the young brethren who are pursuing their studies at Wake Forest College and would recommend that liberal contribution be made for their support.

S. W. HOWERTON.

Dr. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, gave an interesting sketch of the character and claims of the College.—The advantages of the Club-House system, the manner of conducting it, &c.

By request, the Moderator gave a brief but lucid account of his visit to the place, his cordial reception, and the many and pleasing advantages of acquiring a complete education at that place.

Elder Hufham added remarks corroberative of all that has been said of that renowned institution of learning.

After which the report was adopted.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Baptist Church at Holloway's, Davidson County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1872. Elder Wm. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder H. Morton his alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that any person or persons belonging to this Association attending other Associations with whom we correspond, be requested to report themselves as correspondents.

The following brethren were then appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: J. L. Pleasant, W. P. Redwine, Dr. C. J. Wadkins, and N. W. Beason.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Temperance.—Elder G. W. Harman.

Periodicals.—Elder J. H. Brooks.

Sabbath Schools.—Brother J. M. Prim.

Ministerial Support.—Brother A. C. Jones.

Church Letters and State of Religion.—Brother W. P. Redwine.

The committee of Finance reported; Report received and committee discharged, (see statistical table.)

The Clerk, as Treasurer, reported that

The amount received as Minute funds last year was - - -	$29 65
and the cost of Minutes, including expressage, postage, Clerk's fee, &c., was - - - - - - -	30 75
Leaving due - - - - - - - - - -	$1 10

which amount was made up by the Association.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, 500 in number, to be distributed according to contributions, and that he be allowed $10 00 for his service.

The Association then voted a vote of thanks, expressive of the very high appreciation of the kind reception and hospital entertainment received at the hands of the brethren, friends and neighbors of this and surrounding vicinity.

Adjourned.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

J. H. OWEN, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	P. O. nearest Ch.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total	Church Meetings	Funds. Education	State Missions.	For'n Missions	Minutes	No. in S. Schools
Lick Creek	Davidson	H. Morton	Healing Springs,	8			3		2	42	92	2	7	143	4				$3 10	60
Jersey Settlement	"	Wm. Turner,	Linwood				12	4	7	33	70	76	91	270	1				3 25	30
Abbott's Creek	"	G. W. Harman	Abbott's Creek	41	1	1	3		1	45	75	7	5	132	3				3 20	40
Tom's Creek	"	A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	9	2		20	1		12	25	1	1	39	2				1 50	
High Point	Guilford	J. B. Richardson,	High Point	7	1				1	9	25		3	37	4	$4 55	$4 00	$3 00	2 00	
Liberty	Davidson	W. N. Thayer	Hannersville	16			1	1	2	27	59		2	88	4				1 50	34
Holloway's	"	P. Oliver	Cotton Grove	5				3	3	21	86	3	8	118	3				3 00	
New Friendship	Forsyth	Wm. Turner	Salem	2	1		4	1		125		3		*128	5				4 15	
Big Creek	Montgomery	H. Morton	Burney's Mills	5		1				14	28		1	43	3				1 35	
Pine M. House	Davidson	C. W. Bessent	Lexington	5	1		1	1		16	21			37	4			4 00	2 00	
Reed's ✕ Roads	"	P. Oliver	"				2		3	20	37	1	1	59	2				1 25	30
Marion	"	W. H. Hamner	"						2	10	11	1	2	24	2				1 75	46
Salisbury	Rowan,	Not Represented.																		
Thomasville	Davidson	F. M. Jordan		6	1					*21				21					2 00	
Muddy Creek	"	P. Oliver	Clemmonsville	8				3	2	16	32		1	49	1				1 25	
Stoker's Chapel	Montgomery	Not Represented.																		
Pierce's Chapel	Randolph		Jackson's Creek	19						18	20			38					1 50	
				131	7	2	46	14	23	429	581	94	122	1226		$4 55	$4 00	$7 00	$32 80	240

*Males and female in same column.

Some churches did not report the number in Sunday Schools.

List of Ordained Ministers.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	"
G. W. Harman,	"	"
S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	"
J. H. Brooks,	"	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	"	"
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury.	"
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill,	"
H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	"
John Snider,	Hannersville,	"

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church Letters.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk,
3. Appointment of Committee of Finance.
4. Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Call on Committees to report.
6. Appointment of Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointment of Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion, to report at the next annual session of this body.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the minutes.
12. Adjournment.

Wake Forest College.

The Annual Session begins September 15th and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

Expenses in Currency.

Tuition per Term of Five Months,	$35 00
Board (without lodging) per week,	2 50 to 3 00
" (with lodging,) " "	3 00 to 3 50
" in "Clubs" (without lodging,) per week,	1 50 to 2 00
Room-Rent and Servant-Hire, each, " "	15

Washing, Fuel and Lights at moderate rates.

Education of Ministers.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

For Catalogue of Institution, address,

W. M. WINGATE, President.

Forestville, N. C.